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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA MINE WORKERS RETURN

1. BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS ISSUE OF JAN 14 CARRIES FROM PAGE STORY, WITH PHOTO, HEADLINED "MINERS TELL GRIM STGY OF FIGHTS" WHICH BRIEFLY DESCRIBES EVENTS THAT OCCURRED LAST WEEK IN VAAL REEFS GOLD MINE IN SOUTH AFRICA. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, THREE BATSWANA WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHERS INJURED IN THE DISTURBANCES. RETURNING MINERS ASSERTED THAT XHOSAS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING BOTH BASOTHO AND BATSWANA MINERS., CALLING VICTIMS "TROUBLE MAKERS" MINERS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD FLED TO NEARBY VILLAGES AND WERE EXCLUDED FROM RETURNING TO THE MINING AREA BY CORDONS OF ARMED POLICE. AFTER TWO DAYS THEY WERE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR COMPOUNDS ONLY TO COLLECT THEIR ITEMS IN PREPARATION FOR RETURN TO BOTSWANA.

2. REPORT CONCLUDES THAT SOME OF THE MINERS ARE BEING INTERROGATED BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOR.

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EM EARLIER ISSUE OF BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS CARRIED STORY ON

THE SAME SUBJECT WHICH REPORTED THAT AS MANY AS A THOUSAND  
BATSWANA MINERS HAD LEFT VAAL REEFS GOLD MINE. THOMSEN

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